

WHERE TO STAY



21c Museum Hotel guest rooms include poster art available for purchase.

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It doesn't take long for the area's 18,000 hotel rooms to fill up in early May, just in time for the Kentucky Derby. The 21c Museum Hotel has been open for two derbies, and both times it was completely booked. Even the city's largest hotel, Galt House Hotel and Suites, has just a handful of rooms available weeks before those crucial Kentucky Derby days.

With an average room rate in 2006 of \$80 and a variety of lodging options, it's no wonder hotels in Louisville are in high demand, even outside of Derby season.

21c Museum Hotel

It's the first hotel to dedicate open space exclusively to art and technologies of this century. It starts with 40 red penguins (made of recycled petroleum by-products), displayed randomly in and around the hotel. "As far as anyone knows, they move around the building on their own, very late at night," says Arthur Cooper, director of sales and marketing. 700 W. Main St., 502-217-6300, 21cmuseumhotel.com

Camberley Brown Hotel

High ceilings, low chandeliers, and ornate fabrics characterize the Camberley Brown. With 310-thread-count sheets, down comforters and pillows, and terry cloth robes, comfort is taken to a new level. 335 W. Broadway, 502-583-1234, brownhotel.com

DuPont Mansion Bed and Breakfast

Rest your head in the heart of one of the nation's largest National Historic Preservation Districts. The DuPont, built circa 1879, has been restored to its original glory. Central Park and Louisville's premier entertainment and dining district, Fourth Street Live, are nearby. 1317 S. Fourth St., 502-638-0045, dupontmansion.com



Galt House

Galt House Hotel and Suites

Galt House is one of the largest hotels in the Southeast, with more executive suites than any hotel outside of Las Vegas. Enjoy six restaurants and lounges plus sweeping views of the city and waterfront on almost every floor. The top floor is home to a twin-spinning restaurant, RiVue. Lisa Haller, executive director of sales and marketing, also recommends Jockey Silks Bourbon Bar, featuring more than 120 bourbons. 140 N. Fourth St., 502-589-5200, galthouse.com

Old Bridge Inn

The historic building has not been altered by additions since 1898, but it's not outdated. Visitors can expect antique furniture, a fireplace, and comfortable beds in each room, plus a large video and DVD library, and private baths. 131 W. Chestnut St., Jeffersonville, IN, 812-284-3580, oldbridgeinn.com

The Samuel Culbertson Mansion Bed and Breakfast

Guests can enjoy the greens, purples, pinks, and whites of the surrounding yard in the springtime or the snow-covered holiday decor in the winter — and homemade eggnog, too. Maggie the Pomeranian warmly greets and entertains visitors. Beautifully decorated guest rooms feature antique furniture. All seven rooms have private baths. 1432 S. Third St., 502-634-3100, culbertsonmansion.com

The Seelbach Hilton Louisville

A history of bootleggers, ghosts, gangsters, and secret passageways add to the character of the Seelbach Hilton. F. Scott Fitzgerald, who often stayed at the hotel, mentions its posh reputation in his novel *The Great Gatsby*. Order a drink at the Old Seelbach Bar, which has maintained its early-1900s ambience and was rated one of the top 50 bars in the world by a London newspaper. 500 S. Fourth Ave., 502-585-3200, seelbachhilton.com



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